

Squirty's De-Intertwining of Dead Souls, Inc.
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A comedy sketch idea with a Twilight Zone-ish premise. SQUIRTY is a middle-aged, bald man with a thick Bowery Boys type accent and vernacular, smokes a cigar, works out of a small, dusty, smoky, cluttered, 1930s type office with his name on the glass door. And he has a special trade at which he is known to be excellent: SQUIRTY de-intertwines the souls of dead people. And his clients are top names. There was the time the soul of Abraham Lincoln couldn't exit this world until SQUIRTY found Sam, a locksmith with a shop on the upper west side, to take the place of the soul of Lincoln for the townspeople of Mavis, Georgia, who still had some issues with him (all slavery-related). It wasn't easy, but SQUIRTY is somehow able to handle anything. His de-intertwining episodes involve quite a bit of doing, often getting him into strange areas.

Tonight's episode: "Squirty Meets Dostoyevsky"

We find SQUIRTY talking with FD AGENT, who is the intermediary for a potential client.

SQUIRTY

Yeah, I had to call a few people, shoo-ah, dees tings aint easy to do, I aint gonna kid ya'. But dohs people in Mavis, Georgia, dey wasn't letting go, and I mean, Lincoln's soul, it had to leave dis' plane, real fast. It'd been around here intertwined in all kindsa stuff, yah think it just ended when he got shot? One thing afta anudda. Dis' goes on for dah soul uh Lincoln for.... Hundreds uh yeez. Den dohs people from Mavis, Georgia and dere "problems". I tell ya', Lincoln's lucky they called me in. So what can I help ya' wit? Is my cigar botherin' yah?

FD AGENT

Meester Squirty, I am here to see you on behalf famous dead author, Fyodor Dostoyevsky.

SQUIRTY

Oh geez. Oh geez.

FD AGENT

What is the matter?

SQUIRTY

Nuttin'. I'm gettin' flashbacks of Mikhail Lermontov. Ya' know Lermontov? Famous Russian author? "A Hero of Our Time"?

FD AGENT

Ah yes, of course, every Russian knows Lermontov! You have de-intertwined his, you have, his, uh....

SQUIRTY

Yeah, but I mean, you Russians! These books, the way you write them, no offense, they're all so connected to your real lives, it's like, I aint never seen nuttin' like it! It gets to where, geez, if Pasha learns that Masha, but then, before anybody's letting go of anyting', first I gotta go find the intertwined soul of Pyotr's dead great-great grandfather, if you know what I'm sayin'. Anyways, okay. So Dostoyevsky?

FD AGENT

Yes, well, it is not completely unlike what you say. There seem to be many intertwined souls....

SQUIRTY

Tell me about it! Can I getcha some coffee? I just made a fresh batch, oh, I think about 3 and a half hours ago.... might have been a few weeks ago, I lose track....

Etc., Etc., Etc. (The End)